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**AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO AUGUST 28, 2000 OFFICE ACTION IN  
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Sir:

In response to the August 28, 2000 Office Action in the above-identified United States Patent Application (the "Office Action"), the deadline for response to which is hereby extended by one (1) month, to December 28, 2000 by the Petition under 1.136 set out in section 2. hereof, please amend the application as follows:

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